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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 6/5/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4, 6-10, 12, 14-15, 17-20, 22-26, 28-32, 36-46, 56-71 and 73-80.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with William J. Allen (Reg. No. 51,393) on July 6, 2006.

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The claims have been amended as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An arrangement for configuring system a ~~devices of a system~~ by transferring control information defining a user's preferences from a portable controller ~~thereto~~ to a system, wherein the portable controller comprises:

memory circuitry arranged to store first control information defining the user's preferences for configuring a first device in association with a first identifier, and second control information defining the user's preferences for configuring a second device in association with a second identifier, and arranged to retrieve the first control information defining the user's preferences for configuring the first device in response to a request including the first identifier, and to retrieve the second control information defining the user's preferences for configuring the second device in response to a request including the second identifier ~~and retrieve control information defining the user's preferences for configuring the device; and~~

a radio transceiver operable to transmit and receive on a low power radio frequency bi-directional link in order to transfer to the system the retrieved control information defining the user's preferences for configuring at least one of the system devices; and

wherein the system comprises:

a radio transceiver for coupling with the radio transceiver of the portable controller to transmit and receive on the low power radio frequency bi-directional link with the portable controller in order to transfer the retrieved control information defining the user's preferences to the system; and

control means arranged to configure at least one of the system devices in dependence upon the transferred control information defining the user's preferences.

17. (Currently Amended) A portable controller for storing control information defining a user's preferences for ~~a-system devices~~ and for configuring system a-devices of the system by transferring control information defining the user's preferences to a the-system, the portable controller comprising:

memory circuitry arranged to store first control information defining the user's preferences for configuring a first device in association with a first identifier, and second control information defining the user's preferences for configuring a second device in association with a second identifier, and arranged to retrieve the first control information defining the user's preferences for configuring the first device in response to a request including the first identifier, and to retrieve the second control information defining the user's preferences for configuring the second device in response to a request including the second identifier~~and retrieve control information defining the user's preferences for configuring the device~~; and

a radio transceiver operable to transmit and receive on a low power radio frequency bi-directional link in order to transfer to the system the retrieved control information defining the user's preferences for configuring at least one of the system devices.

39. (Currently Amended) A controller as claimed in claim ~~21~~17, wherein the memory circuitry stores and retrieves information identifying a particular system and only outputs control information corresponding to the device or devices of that particular system.

43. (Currently Amended) A controller as claimed in claim ~~21~~17, wherein the controller comprises means for performing a handshaking procedure with the system.

59. (Currently Amended) A controller as claimed in claim ~~21~~17, wherein the power to operate said controller is provided by the system to which control information is transferred.

65. (Currently Amended) A controller as claimed in claim ~~27~~17, wherein the power to operate said controller is provided by the system to which control information is transferred.

67. (Currently Amended) A method for configuring system a ~~devices of a system~~ by transferring control information defining a user's preferences to a the ~~the~~ system from a portable controller, comprising the steps of:

the portable controller stores first control information defining the user's preferences for configuring a first device in association with a first identifier, and second control information defining the user's preferences for configuring a second device in association with a second identifier;

the portable controller retrieves the first control information defining the user's preferences for configuring the first device, when the portable controller receives a request including the first identifier, and the portable controller retrieves the second control information defining the user's preferences for configuring the second device, when the portable controller receives a request including the second identifier~~and retrieves the control information defining the user's preferences for configuring the device;~~ and

the portable controller transmits and receives on a low power radio frequency bi-directional link in order to transfer to the system the retrieved control information defining the user's preferences for configuring at least one of the system ~~the~~ devices.

68. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 67, wherein the portable controller stores and retrieves information identifying a particular system and only outputs control information corresponding to the device or devices of that particular system.

69. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 68, wherein the portable controller maintains a look-up table for associating the identity of the system and its device or devices with the respective device control information.

70. (Currently Amended) An arrangement for configuring vehicle management system ~~a devices of a vehicle management system~~ by transferring control information defining a user's preferences from a portable controller to a vehicle management system ~~thereto~~, wherein the portable controller comprises:

memory circuitry arranged to store first control information defining the user's preferences for configuring a first device in association with a first identifier, and second control information defining the user's preferences for configuring a second device in association with a second identifier, and arranged to retrieve the first control information defining the user's preferences for configuring the first device in response to a request including ~~associated with~~ the first identifier, and to retrieve the second control information defining the user's preferences for configuring the second device in response to a request including ~~associated with~~ the second identifier; and

output means for transferring to the vehicle management system the retrieved control information defining the user's preferences for configuring at least one of the vehicle management system devices; and

wherein the vehicle management system comprises:

means for coupling with the output means of the portable controller to transfer the retrieved control information defining the user's preferences to the vehicle management system; and

control means arranged to configure at least one of the vehicle management system a devices in dependence upon the transferred control information defining the user's preferences.

71. (Currently Amended) A portable controller ~~defining the user's preferences for~~ storing control information defining a user's preferences for ~~a vehicle management system devices~~ and for configuring vehicle management system a devices ~~of the vehicle management system~~ by transferring control information defining the user's preferences to a vehicle management ~~the system~~, the portable controller comprising:

memory circuitry arranged to store first control information defining the user's preferences for configuring a first device in association with a first identifier, and second control information defining the user's preferences for configuring a second device in association with a second identifier, and arranged to retrieve the first control information defining the user's preferences for configuring the first device in response to a request including ~~associated with the~~ first identifier, and to retrieve the second control information defining the user's preferences for configuring the second device in response to a request including ~~associated with the~~ second identifier; and

output means for transferring to the vehicle management system the retrieved control information defining the user's preferences for configuring at least one of the vehicle management system devices.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-4, 6-10, 12, 14-15, 17-20, 22-26, 28-32, 36-46, 56-71 and 73-80 are allowed.

The proposed amendments filed on June 5, 2006 and July 3, 2006 have not been entered.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record fails to disclose or suggest a memory circuitry arranged to store first control information defining the user's preferences for configuring a first device in association with a first identifier; and second control information defining the user's preferences for configuring a second device in association with a second identifier, and arranged to retrieve the first control information defining the user's preferences for configuring the first device in response to a request including the first identifier, and to retrieve the second control information defining the user's preferences for configuring the second device in response to a request including the second identifier.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nam V Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-3061. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri, 8:00AM - 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wendy Garber can be reached on 571- 272-7308. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9314 for regular communications and 703-872-9314 for After Final communications.

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